

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 880 - HB 1225

March 13, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005312): Authorizes courts to order the Department of Safety (DOS) to issue a restricted license to a person who fails to comply with the order or decree of support and maintenance for a minor child or children.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-5-714(a), the Department of Human Services (DHS) may require an obligor to have a restricted license for the purpose of driving to and from work or school only if the individual enters into a satisfactory arrangement for the payment of child support. The proposed legislation does not alter this authorization.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 36-5-714(f) states that DHS may charge up to \$30 for a restricted license fee.
- The proposed legislation would provide authority to courts to order DOS to issue a restricted license, regardless of whether the individual enters into a satisfactory arrangement for the payment of child support and without consideration of the purposes for which such restricted license may be utilized.
- Therefore, the proposed legislation could impact child support arrangements and revenue received by DHS. However, it is assumed that fees charged by DOS will equal to or exceed the current fee charged by DHS. The net impact on state revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- Any decrease in administrative expenditures for DHS or increase in expenditures for DOS are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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